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1. The SED Politbuer~~o~~ discussed on 6 and 7 September 1950 the nature of the political structure of the DDR after the 15 October elections.
2. The discussion was preceded by a report submitted by Franz Dahlem concerning what propaganda measures might be employed by the Federal Republic to disturb or hinder the October elections. During the remaining four weeks before the elections Dahlem demanded that the State Security Service (SSD) impose a rigorous control over the radio and an increased control over goods and freight transported within the territory of the DDR. He proposed a system whereby the existing "Aufklarungsgruppen" must be used as groups to observe and guard against Western propaganda. Dahlem considered it absurd to use others than SED functionaries in such groups. He further stated that since many of the functionaries of the bourgeois parties now in office have connections with the West, it is a mistake to employ members of these parties in the election committees. Results such as were obtained in the elections to the Volkskongress were only possible through the loyal cooperation of the non-SED functionaries. The cooperation of these parties was sufficiently exhausted in the assistance they gave during the demonstrations.
3. Walter Ulbricht's presentation of the political structure after the elections hinted that the collaboration of the bourgeois parties in the coming elections represented their swan song, and he stated that the SED could not pitifully emphasize enough their political importance in the weeks before the elections. It is now clear that after the elections these parties must realize that they have fulfilled their tasks. During the course of the first year of the DDR the bourgeois groups did not bring forth a single constructive plan or law, and the common election program in which they are now engaged is exclusively the program of the SED. This fact makes the other parties as such superfluous in regard to the SED. On the other hand, it could be absurd in the long run to give these entities the political status of such mass organizations as the FDGB and FDJ. The SED has developed the state to such an extent that it soon will be able to assume the status of a People's Republic of Germany.

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4. Ulbricht went on to say that the remnants of the LDP leadership, above all Dr. Hamann, are making arrangements to bring the CDU to agree to a fusion of the parties. Aside from the fact that the SED would not benefit from such a fusion and would thus hinder it, the group in the CDU led by Goetting and Dertinger has also blocked any connection with the LDP. Ulbricht then mentioned that it is conceivable that it might appear useful to allow those individuals among the "young people" in the CDU who have become so active in recent months in activating the Christian elements for the goals of the Soviet Union to work independently but to confine them exclusively to objects of Christian interest. The NDP, however, has far from fulfilled its tasks, since the connection to the nationalistic and formerly militaristic circles in West Germany could have been of use long before. It may, generally speaking, come to pass that a small group of individuals from the CDU and LDP who have become 100 percent followers of the SED party line will still appear active in public affairs after 15 October 1950. But for all these people it will be necessary that they accept not only practically but also ideologically, the Soviet-socialist leadership.

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